Countries/Empires to Know:

Asia –

Southwest/northwest Asia

* Saudi Arabia (Mecca)
* Iraq
* Iran
* Turkey
* Israel
* Syria
* Sumerian/Mesopotamians
* Assyrian/Persian Empire
* Hellenistic Empire
* Byzantine Empire
* Ottoman Empire

South Asia

* India
* Pakistan
* Gupta Empire
* Mauryan Empire
* Moguls Empire

Southeast Asia

* Vietnam
* Khymer Empire
* Indonesia

East/Central Asia

* China
* Japan
* Korea
* Mongol Empire

Europe

* Spain
* Portugal
* France
* England
* Germany
* Italy
* Poland
* Russia
* Greece
* Roman Empire
* Holy Roman Empire
* Frankish Empire

Americas

* Mexico
* Guatemala
* Panama
* Ecuador
* Brazil
* Peru
* Argentina
* Aztec Empire
* Maya Empire
* Incan Empire

Africa

* Egypt
* Mali Empire
* Ghana Empire

Geographic Features

* Mountains – Andes, Alps, Himalayas
* Seas – Mediterranean, Black, Red, Baltic
* Oceans – Atlantic, Indian, Pacific
* Deserts – Sahara, Gobi
* Rivers – Tigris/Euphrates, Nile, Indus, Huange-He, Amazon, Congo, Ganges
* Adaptations – Silk Road, Incan Trail, Sui Canal, Great Wall